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For: IMAGE DOWN-LOADING APPARATUS AND SYSTEM,  
AND IMAGE DOWN-LOADING METHOD

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.